



**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1771**

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In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 8, 2003, the period for response having been extended by a Request for Extension of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be reconsidered as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 3.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5.

**Attachments** to this amendment include two versions of *Kolesov et al.* (SU 1740396 A1). One is the original Russian patent publication and the other is an English-language translation of that document.

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